

Submission for Food Standards Amendment (Truth in Labelling – Palm Oil) Bill 2009
I would like to support the mandatory labelling of Palm Oil on all food products.

This is based on my desire to make informed decisions about what I eat.

I also run a tourist attraction where we sell many types of food. Many consumers that visit our premises are keen to know the exact contents of the food we sell. We are unable to accurately tell them.

Currently I am unable to distinguish between Australian made Canola Oil and Indonesian grown Palm Oil as both can be labelled "vegetable oil"

The health and environmental impact profiles of these oils are totally different so labelling them under one generic "vegetable oil" name is misleading.

The food companies have had ample opportunity to voluntarily label Palm Oil but have chosen not to.

This issue requires legislative action urgently and I urge you to mandate the compulsory labelling of Palm Oil on all food products

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